

TOWN COUNCIL

January 26, 2005

TO: Barry M. Feldman, Town Manager

FROM: Norma W. Cronin, Town Clerk/Council Clerk



The Town Council at its meeting held on January 25, 2005 adopted the following resolution proposing clean energy commitment:

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WHEREAS, the Connecticut Legislature has mandated the creation of a clean energy option for consumers who will be able to sign up for clean energy on their electric bill; and


WHEREAS, the Community Planning and Physical Services Committee has consulted with The Clean Water Fund and reviewed information on the State's 20% by 2010 Campaign as well as the electric companies Smart Power initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council, with a commitment to the health of its citizens, commits the town of West Hartford to the 20% by 2010 campaign where, by the year 2010, the town's municipal facilities will purchase 20% of energy needs from clean energy sources and that the town staff will investigate all options for meeting that goal and beginning the purchases as soon as possible, including purchasing REC's (Renewable Energy Certificates), local clean energy installations and possible state and federal funding opportunities; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town council commits to allocating 100% of any electricity savings to additional town purchases of clean energy and that the Community Planning & Physical Services Committee continues to oversee the progress of the town's commitment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council encourages residents and businesses to choose the clean energy option on their electricity bill when it becomes available, and will declare a Clean Energy Day in the spring to announce the town's commitment to 20% by 2010 and raise awareness of the clean energy option.

C: Joseph A. O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
 Dana Hallenbeck, Director of Public Works
 Ron Van Winkle, Director of Community Services

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McClay, Slifka, Spada, Coursey, Thornberry, Cantor, Carpenter, Verrengia, Connors
1-25-05

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Resolution/Ordinance Title

RESOLUTION PROPOSING CLEAN ENERGY COMMITMENT

Agenda Date	Submitted By	Date Received
January 25, 2005	Mayor Slifka, Deputy Mayor Spada, Councilors McClay, Coursey, Thornberry, Cantor, Carpenter and Verrengia	January 21, 2005

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Direct Impact:

The fiscal impact of Town Council adoption and implementation of this resolution is unknown at this time. The fiscal impact will depend upon the actual implementation of the 20% commitment; the actual purchase cost of the clean energy sources; and any potential cost savings from participating in the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Program.

Reviewed By:

Department of Administrative Services

Department of Financial Services

